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I appreciate your letter of the 4th very much and I thank you for it.

You are not unusual in that I hear often from concerned people even younger than you.

To the best of my now limited abilities I try to respond to what I do not, for the most part, regard as "sophomoric sleuths." However, I am 78 and am in impaired health so I can't take much time for that kind of correspondence, particularly when those asking the questionshave not bothered to learn whether they are answered in my books.

Sorry - do not know a good source for out-of-print books. There are some that sell by mail, like Tom Davis, Aptos, CA.

I have never had any kind of publicity to send out and I have no pictures of myself. These are usually the publisher's area and because I had to publish myself to open the subject when I was broke I then had none, either.

If you want to enough, you'll write without any external inspiration. Try it when you feel like it. But know what you write to be true.

A common fault of the innumerable conspiracy theories is that their authors know little or nothing about the established fact that is available.

Aside from the Commiss on's published books and those of the House assassins committee so many pages of official record have been released under the Freedom of Informatio Act just reading them would take more time than earning a doctorate. I for example have about a third of a million pages, about a quarter of a million on the JFK assassination. One theorizer had a student working here for a while and another had a policeman here for much less time, as his helper. Neither got even a basic understanding of what those records hold.

And I got most of those records after the first of my serious and limiting illness so I've not been able to publish any book based on them.

Thanks for your good wishes, and the best to you,

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg